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Letter dated 29 July 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to attach herewith a copy of a note verbale dated 26 July 2010 addressed to the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations (see annex) and I kindly request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Mr. Rodolfo **Benítez Versón**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires

**Annex to the letter dated 29 July 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations
addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the
Host Country**

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and, wishes to inform it that, on Friday 23 July 2010 at 11:09 a.m., a group of around 12 people gathered in front of the entrance doors of the Mission's building, shouting offensive and insulting slogans, blocking the staff's comings and goings and disturbing the peace and proper functioning of the diplomatic Mission.

This provocative and dangerous incident clearly violated the procedures established in United States Mission's Note of 9 June 1995 aiming to eliminate potential clashes and conditions considered as interference with the performance of the functions of the Mission of Cuba.

It is of great concern that different incidents have been repeatedly occurring in front of the Mission of Cuba and that no effective measures have been taken to prevent them. The Mission of Cuba has been timely in informing the United States Mission about all such incidents.

In the case of the above-mentioned incident of 23 July, the Permanent Mission of Cuba even alerted the United States authorities 24 hours in advance, through the appropriate channels, of the intentions of the provocative group for the following day.

In addition, immediately after the incident started on 23 July, the United States authorities were notified by the Mission of Cuba. Nevertheless, the New York Police only arrived at the Mission at 11:24 a.m., 15 minutes after the group had already blocked the entrance doors of the Mission. Upon the arrival of the police, the group quickly crossed Lexington Avenue and gathered in front of the Mission along the west sidewalk on Lexington Avenue. The police remained in the site for just three minutes and left at 11:27 a.m.

The United States Government will be the only party responsible for any violent incident resulting from the impunity with which provocative groups are allowed to threaten the security and protection of the Mission of Cuba and to hinder the normal performance of its functions.

Once more, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations calls for the United States Mission to take the necessary measures to comply with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, the Headquarters Agreement and the procedures established in note verbale HC-33-95, as well as to prevent the repetition of actions impeding the normal performance of the diplomatic functions of the Mission of Cuba to the United Nations.

New York, 26 July 2010